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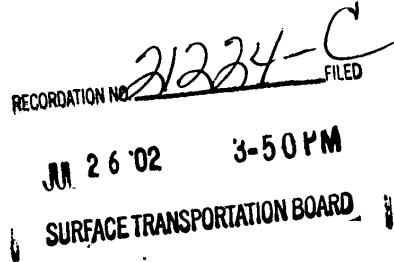
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July 25, 2002



Mr. Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed for recordation pursuant to the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Section 11301(a) are two (2) copies of an Assignment and Assumption Agreement, dated as of July 25, 2002, a secondary document as defined in the Board's Rules for the Recordation of Documents.

The enclosed document relates to the Railroad Equipment Lease Agreement which was previously filed with the Board under Recordation Number 21224.

The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed document are:

Assignor: Joseph Leasing Ltd.  
300 Pike Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Assignee: Babcock & Brown Rail Funding LLC  
599 Lexington Avenue  
New York, New York 10022

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A description of the railroad equipment covered by the enclosed document  
is:

50 mill gondola railcars: WE 2600 – WE 2649.

A short summary of the document to appear in the index is:

Assignment and Assumption Agreement.

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$30.00 payable to the order of  
the Surface Transportation Board covering the required recordation fee.

Kindly return stamped copies of the enclosed document to the  
undersigned.

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Alvord

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Enclosures

## ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT

This Assignment and Assumption Agreement dated as of July 26, 2002 (this "Agreement"), is between Joseph Leasing Ltd., an Ohio limited liability company (the "Seller") and Babcock & Brown Rail Funding LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Buyer").

### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Buyer and the Seller have entered into that certain Purchase Agreement [JLL/BBRF] dated as of July 26, 2002 (the "Purchase Agreement"), providing for the purchase of the Ownership Interest by the Buyer from the Seller, subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, the Purchase Agreement contemplates the execution and delivery of this Agreement by the Seller and the Buyer on the date hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows.

1. Definitions. Capitalized terms used herein without definition shall have the meanings assigned to them in Section 4 of this Agreement.
2. Assignment. Effective as to each item of Equipment on the Closing Date, the Seller sells to the Buyer all of the Seller's rights, title and interest, except as reserved under Section 2.1 of the Purchase Agreement, in and to such item and assigns to the Buyer all of the Seller's rights and obligations, except to the extent constituting Existing Obligations, under each of the following as they relate to such item:
  - (a) the Lease;
  - (b) Memorandum of Railroad Equipment Lease dated as of January 30, 1998, between the Seller (f/k/a DJJ Leasing Ltd.) and Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway;
  - (c) Amendment No. 1 to the Railroad Equipment Lease entered into November 20, 1998, between the Seller (f/k/a DJJ Leasing Ltd.) and Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway;
  - (d) Memorandum of Railroad Equipment Lease Amendment No. 1 dated as of November 20, 1998, between the Seller (f/k/a DJJ Leasing Ltd.) and Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway;
  - (e) Amendment No. 2 to the Railroad Equipment Lease entered into January 12, 2001, between the Seller (f/k/a DJJ Leasing Ltd.) and Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway;

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- (f) Memorandum of Railroad Equipment Lease Amendment No. 2 entered into January 12, 2001, between the Seller (f/k/a DJJ Leasing Ltd.) and Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway; and
- (g) Acceptance Certificate dated as of April 22, 1998, covering 50 Mill Gondolas bearing reporting marks WE 2600 – 2649, inclusive (collectively, the "Assigned Operative Agreements").

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Seller shall continue to be entitled to the benefit of any rights to indemnification for tax and other matters which arose or may arise from or be related to any event or circumstance occurring or in existence prior to the Closing Date, as specified in the Purchase Agreement.

3. Acceptance of Assignment; Assumption of Obligations; Effect of Assignment. The Buyer accepts the assignment contained in Section 2 hereof and, in respect of the period on and after the Closing Date, assumes all obligations of the Seller under, and agrees to be bound to the same extent as the Seller by all the terms of, the Assigned Operative Agreements. Effective on and after the Closing Date, the Buyer shall be deemed to stand in the place of the Seller for all purposes under the Assigned Operative Agreements and each reference in the Assigned Operative Agreements to the Seller shall be deemed to mean the Buyer. The Seller, in respect of the period on and after the Closing Date, is released of all obligations of the lessor under the Assigned Operative Agreements, except to the extent constituting Existing Obligations.

4. Definitions. Except as otherwise specified or as the context may otherwise require, the following terms have the respective meanings set forth below whenever used in this Agreement (terms defined in the singular to have a correlative meaning when used in the plural and vice versa).

Bill of Sale: as to any one or more items of Equipment, a bill of sale in the form of Exhibit 1 hereto.

Closing Date: as to any one or more items of Equipment and related Ownership Interest, the date of the Bill of Sale with respect thereto.

Equipment: the items of equipment listed on Exhibit A hereto, together with each and every part, accessory, component and any equipment installed therein or attached thereto owned by the Seller (individually such railcars shall be referred to as an "item" or "items of Equipment").

Existing Obligations: any and all liabilities and obligations of Seller under the Ownership Interest, including the Assigned Operative Agreements, or otherwise relating to the Equipment in each such case, to the extent arising or occurring prior to the Closing Date (whether or not asserted or assessed), and, with respect to the obligations, to have been performed by Seller prior to the Closing Date.

Lease: Railroad Equipment Lease dated as of January 30, 1998, entered into by and between Seller, as lessor and Lessee, as lessee, as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time.

Lessee: Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway.

Ownership Interest: the Seller's rights, title and interest in and to the Equipment and the Seller's rights and obligations under the Assigned Operative Agreements, except the Existing Obligations.

5. Amendments. No provision of this Agreement may be amended, modified or waived except by written agreement duly executed by each of the parties hereto.

6. Notices. All notices, requests or other communications to or upon any party hereto in connection herewith shall be given in the manner prescribed by Section 9.5 of the Purchase Agreement.

7. Headings. The section headings used in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not be used or construed to define, interpret, expand or limit any provision hereof.

8. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

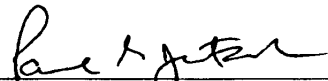
9. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with, the internal substantive laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to the conflict of law rules thereof, other than Section 5-1401 of the New York General Obligations Law.

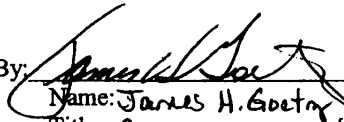
10. Recordation. The Seller and the Buyer agree to record this Agreement with the Surface Transportation Board and the Registrar General of Canada, as applicable, to evidence the assignment by the Seller to the Buyer of the Seller's rights and obligations under the Lease, if and only if the Lease has been recorded with the Surface Transportation Board or the Registrar General of Canada, as the case may be.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Assignment and Assumption Agreement has been duly executed by the parties hereto as of the date first above written.

JOSEPH LEASING LTD.,  
as Seller

By:   
Name: Paul G. Jantsch  
Title: Committee member

By:   
Name: James H. Goetz  
Title: Committee member

BABCOCK & BROWN RAIL FUNDING LLC,  
as Buyer

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Assignment and Assumption Agreement has been duly executed by the parties hereto as of the date first above written.

JOSEPH LEASING LTD.,  
as Seller

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

BABCOCK & BROWN RAIL FUNDING LLC,  
as Buyer

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Thomas McGraw  
Title: Vice President

State of Ohio            )  
                                  )  
County of Hamilton    )

On this, the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2002, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Paul G. Jantsch, the Committee member and James H. Goetz, the Committee member of Joseph Leasing Ltd, who acknowledged themselves to be duly authorized officers of Joseph Leasing Ltd., and that, as such officer, being authorized to do so, they executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

Name: Angela Denise Watts  
Notary Public

**ANGELA DENISE WATTS**  
Attorney at Law  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission Has No Expiration  
Date Section 147.08 O.R.C.

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Residing in: Butler Co., OH



State of New York    )  
                                  )  
County of New York    )

On this, the 23rd day of July, 2002, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Thomas McGraw, the Vice President of Babcock & Brown Rail Funding LLC, who acknowledged himself to be a duly authorized officer of Babcock & Brown Rail Funding LLC, and that, as such officer, being authorized to do so, he executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

Name: Janiffer Moreno  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

*Janiffer Moreno*  
*Notary Public, State of New York*  
*No. 0606036946*  
*Qualified in Queens County*  
*Commission Expires January 24, 2006*

**BILL OF SALE**

On this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2002, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Joseph Leasing Ltd. ("Seller"), does hereby sell, transfer and assign to Babcock & Brown Rail Funding LLC ("Buyer") all of Seller's rights, title and interest in and to the equipment described in Exhibit A hereto (the "Equipment"), subject to the terms and conditions of the Purchase Agreement dated as of the date hereof (the "Purchase Agreement") and the Assignment and Assumption Agreement dated the date hereof, each between Seller and Buyer.

Seller represents and warrants to Buyer and its successors and assigns that at the time of delivery of the Equipment, Seller had legal title thereto and good and lawful right to sell the Equipment, and the Equipment was free and clear of all Liens (as defined in the Purchase Agreement), other than as described in Section 3.3 of the Purchase Agreement.

JOSEPH LEASING LTD.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

**EQUIPMENT**

Fifty (50), G519 52' 5-1/2' sided Mill Gondolas bearing the reporting marks as follows:

WE 2600 – 2649, inclusive

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Robert W. Alvord, attorney licensed to practice in the State of New York and the District of Columbia, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I have compared the attached copy with the original thereof and have found the copy to be complete and identical in all respects to the original document.

Dated: 7/25/02

  
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Robert W. Alvord